CLASSIFICATION SECTION INFORM - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY 50X1-HUM Y INFORMATION CENTINA INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. COUNTRY Czechoslovakia 25-Feb. 1952 DATE DISTR. SUBJECT NO OF PAGES Present Status of Vitkovice Ironworks Plant in Kuncice 50X1-HUM NO OF ENCLS PLACE 50X1-HUM **ACQUIRED** DATE OF INFO. THIS DOCUMENT COSTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTION THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 74.0 F THE U.S. CODE, AS ARCHOOLD. IN STANMISSISSION OR REVEL-ATION OF 17S CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROJUBITED BY LAW! THE REPRODUCTION OF THE FORM IS PROJUBITED. 1. In January 1952 a series of explosions occurred in the Vitkovice Ironworks, which is producing equipment for the new iron and steel manufacturing complex at Kuncice (051/G60). Following the explosions Vitkovice Plant 50X1-HUM Manager (sic) Ing. Janicek was arrested on a charge of sabotage. The Czechs have ordered for the Kuncice plant a steel plate rolling mill, plate cutting shears capable of handling 70-mm high alloy 50X1-HUM steel, and rolling shears 12 m long. No deliveries have been made to the present time, and no other items have been ordered for this plant. The development of the Kuncice complex appears to have been halted. Of the six furnaces designated for construction in the area, only two have been built. ** The construction of the remaining four is unlikely. Construction plans for this area were changed because Soviet advisers deemed it inadvisable to concentrate the Czech iron and steel industry in an area fairly open to aerial bombing and possibly to Western ground attack. The Russians favor the more remote center of Kosice in Eastern Slovakia, where the HUKO steel mill is under construction. 50X1-HUM * Comment: Similar explosions occurred in Poland after machinery 50X1-HUM Comment: This is probably produced by Vitkovice was installed (the Klement Gottwald Ironworks, known as "Little Donbas", which has been under construction since 1949.) Comment: Most earlier reports on the construction of the plant50X1-HUM in Kuncice indicate the planned construction of three blast furnaces. 50X1-HUM COMPROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY CLASSIFICATION STATE # X NSRB IN X AIR

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